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## DEATH KNELL

**Sounded to Factionism at Great Nationalist Meeting in Cork.**

**Largest Gathering of Recent Years Greeted Redmond and Devlin.**

**Speeches Instinct With Hope, Courage and Fighting Spirit.**

**CORK FOR NATIONAL CAUSE**

From the Dundalk Democrat, one of the most reliable papers in Ireland, we take the following review of the recent meeting at Cork, which was not fairly reported by the Associated Press:

Hereafter we think it will be recorded that the great Nationalist meeting held at Cork on Sunday last sounded the death-knell of faction in the South. Until Sunday last William O'Brien labored under this delusion (among others) that the city of Cork was his personal property and special preserve—just as T. M. Healy erroneously regarded North Louth as his. When the Nationalists of Cork invited John Redmond and his lieutenants to visit them, O'Brien issued a manifesto denouncing the "invasion" of "his" city and territory. The calling of an opposition meeting for the same day was the next step, and the provision of special trains to convey O'Brien's supporters from all quarters of County Cork was the third.

The meetings were held on Sunday. Redmond and his friends addressed a gathering of between 12,000 and 15,000 people. O'Brien in another part of the city spoke to some 4,000 to 5,000. These are the estimates of the presumably impartial Unionist press, which further states that the whole of the city of Cork seemed to be with Redmond, and that O'Brien's supporters were almost exclusively from the rural districts, from which they traveled on "passes" signed by one of O'Brien's lieutenants. There were no other "invaders" of Cork on Sunday, if we except the 500 Dublin Leaguers who visited the Southern city. True, O'Brien referred to "bludgeon men from Belfast," brought in to overawe the people of Cork! But the only Belfast man in Cork on Sunday was Joseph Devlin, M. P., and it is not recorded that he attempted to bludgeon anybody.

So much for the rival meetings. At the one Messrs. Redmond, Dillon, Devlin, Hazleton and others spoke. Some extracts from the speeches will be found elsewhere; and Mr. Redmond's address will, in view of recent developments, be found particularly interesting. All the speeches were instinct with hope and courage and fighting spirit. Redmond defended the action of the Irish party in Parliament, and his words can not have failed to bring conviction to his hearers that the party is on the right track. He brushed aside the hypocritical and dishonest criticisms with which the factionists have endeavored to obscure the real issues, and demonstrated that the party has taken the only possible course leading up to home rule. Dealing with the future action of the party in view of the possible changes in the situation that might be supposed to follow the change of monarch, he halted the veto flag to the mast. The veto and home rule must remain the first objects of legislation on the part of the Liberal Government if it is to retain the support of the Irish party. There must be no conference or compromise between the Liberals and the defenders of the House of Lords; and none of the silly pleas for "a truce of God in the presence of death," or for "not embarrassing the new King" nor being urged by the Tory press, must prevail beyond a reasonable and decent period. The business of the State must go on no matter who is on the throne of England; and the first business of the Liberal Government is to root out the antiquated and vicious obstacle imposed by the House of Lords in the way of good government and progress.

O'Brien's opposition meeting had one good result. It enabled the readers of Monday's papers to contrast the statesmanlike speech of Redmond, firm yet restrained and reasonable, with the wild outburst of vituperation in which O'Brien indulged. O'Brien has no hope of home rule unless we first unite not alone all classes in Ireland but all classes in England in favor of it. And O'Brien's idea of uniting all Ireland is to denounce his former colleagues, the elected representatives of seventy Irish Nationalist constituencies as not alone idiots but traitors. They have sold Ireland to the Liberals, O'Brien says—omitting only to mention the price! For the rest his address, printed at length in Monday's Unionist papers, was a frenzied denunciation of the "Molly Maguires" and the alleged usurpation of all political powers in Ireland by a sectarian body, to which he added a reference to the "diabolical suppression" of his speeches in the Irish Nationalist press. Vanity was ever O'Brien's particular failing.

But Cork is safe for the National cause. That is certain after Sunday. The city that gave a royal welcome to the Irish leaders will never again give O'Brien an opportunity of slandering his countrymen in its name. The enthusiastic individuals from the rural districts who filled O'Brien's "specials" and discharged their revolvers through the windows as the trains left Cork on Sunday evening, are not to be reckoned seriously. The sober, sensible, intelligent Nationalists of Munster will be able to distinguish between the frenzied appeal of O'Brien and the sane and patriotic counsels of Messrs. Redmond and Dillon. The new movement that was to sweep like a consuming flame from Cork to Donegal is already showing symptoms of rapid decline; nor will the encouragement of the Unionist press and the patronage of Dunraven and Barrymore suffice to sustain it.

## POPULAR PRIESTS

**Will Celebrate Twenty-fifth Anniversary on Tuesday.**

On Tuesday, while the Very Rev. Father James P. Cronin is celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination in Louisville, the Rev. Father Edward S. Fitzgerald and the Rev. Father Robert Craney will celebrate their silver jubilees at their respective stations, Owensboro and Morganfield. In each case the celebration will be marked by a solemn high mass and followed by a banquet and reception.

Fathers Fitzgerald and Craney were ordained at Preston Park Seminary on June 14, 1885, and on the same occasion that Father Cronin was ordained. Father Cronin had completed his studies the previous year, but on account of his youth had to wait. Father Fitzgerald spent several years in Louisville as pastor of St. Mary's Magdalen church and was popular with all classes. He has been in Owensboro about fifteen years and is one of the best known and most popular men in that city.

Father Craney is thoroughly identified with the interests of Morganfield, and is highly regarded by Catholics and Protestants alike. Many clergymen of the diocese will attend these rural jubilee celebrations.

The jubilee mass of thanksgiving at Owensboro will begin at 9 o'clock with Father Fitzgerald as celebrant. He will be assisted by Rev. Father A. G. Meyerling, of Brown's Valley, as deacon; Rev. Father John D. Kalaheer, of Louisville, subdeacon, and Rev. Father D. J. Murphy, of St. William's, Louisville, master of ceremonies. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. Father Charles P. Raffo, of Louisville. St. Paul's church choir, augmented by an orchestra, will render Gounod's mass.

On Wednesday morning Father Fitzgerald will celebrate solemn high mass for the children. The Rev. Father J. R. Odendahl, of Stanley, will be the deacon, and Rev. Father Louis Herberth, of Rome, Ky., subdeacon. The Rev. Father P. J. McNeill will be master of ceremonies.

## IMPROVEMENTS.

**Rev. Father Hill Will Make Very Necessary Changes.**

The Rev. Father John T. Hill, who has been pastor of St. Francis Xavier's church since its erection, is planning several changes and improvements. Father Hill also has charge of St. Ann's school, Seventh and Davies streets. When the school closes next week the building will be removed further south to make room for a pastoral residence. Work on this structure will begin at once, and in the immediate future St. Xavier's church will be removed from Tenth and Hill streets to Seventh and Davies.

It will be a great advantage to Father Hill and to his parishioners to have the church, school house and rectory on the same grounds. That section of the city is rapidly growing, and many of the home-builders are Catholics. It is calculated that at the present rate of improvement it will be possible to erect a brick church in nine years. St. Xavier's church will be known as St. Ann's after its removal to Seventh and Davies streets.

## RETAIL CLERKS

**Show Appreciation of Work Done by an Able Clergyman.**

Of all the many and beautiful gifts received by the Right Rev. Bishop Lawler, who was recently consecrated by Archbishop Ireland in the St. Paul Cathedral, perhaps the one that touched him most was the magnificent episcopal ring from the Retail Clerks' Association of the Twin Cities. By their gift they testified their appreciation of his efforts in securing early closing of the stores last Christmas eve.

The wish may be father to the thought, but there seems to be ground for hope that Bishop Lawler's added dignity and influence may aid rather than impede his efforts for early closing, and that the movement may become national as well as local. Certainly nothing would please the retail clerks better. Bishop Lawler claims that the late hours of the world on Saturday evening interferes with the early hours of the church on Sunday morning.

## BELOVED

**Pastor and Vicar General Will Celebrate Silver Jubilee.**

**Children, Clergy and Laity Are to Have Their Respective Parts.**

**Venerable Parents of the Jubilarian Will Witness the Ceremonies.**

**FATHER CRONIN BANQUET HOST**

The celebration of the silver sacerdotal jubilee of the Very Rev. Father James P. Cronin, V. G., will begin tomorrow evening, when the children of St. Patrick's parochial school will hold their exercises in the school hall, Thirteenth and Market streets. The good Sisters, who have been preparing the children, promise a treat for Father Cronin and his clerical and lay friends. The celebration will continue on Monday and Tuesday, and Catholics throughout the diocese are interested in its religious and social success.

The exercises tomorrow and Monday night will serve the double purpose of adjunct to the jubilee and closing exercises of the school. The programme will be the same each evening. After an opening chorus by the Little Girls, Master Dougherty Keenan will deliver an address of welcome. Then will come a song, "When I Am Big Like Papa," by a chorus of little boys. Master J. Linton will deliver a recitation, and choruses of little boys and girls will give childish songs. Masters D. Keenan and J. O'Leary will take part in a dialogue. J. Bartley and B. Everich will sing and J. Reilly will recite. Then will come the chorus, "Silver Bells of Memory," by the senior class. A novel feature will be a baby show, with Master D. Smith as judge. Masters D. Keenan, George Mayer and J. Desmond will give a trio. Mr. Murphy, J. Sheehan, R. Thompson and H. Connors will appear as little Irish dancers. A pleasing feature will be the performance of a drama, "The Double Throne of Religion and Patriotism."

Those who will take part are V. Peering, D. Keenan, G. Smith, D. Smith, J. O'Connor, C. Head, William Mulloy, J. O'Leary, William Egan, A. McKune, R. Sheehan, J. Morris, F. Sanders, J. Desmond, I. Reilly, L. Kahlisch, J. Mousty, William Sweet, E. Gimpel and George Mayer. Several other interesting numbers will follow and those who are to participate are Anna M. Horan, C. Hutchins, E. Kalbfleisch, L. Lovett, B. Devaney, A. Halloran, L. Bott, L. Manion and Marie Morris. The exercises will close with all joining in a jubilee song.

On Monday morning the children will be again in evidence, when Father Cronin will celebrate a solemn high mass at St. Patrick's church. He will be assisted by the Rev. Father Martin O'Connor, pastor of St. Michael's church, as deacon; Rev. Father Michael Melody, of St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum, as subdeacon, and Rev. Father L. B. Ford, assistant rector at St. Patrick's, as master of ceremonies. The sermon will be preached by the Very Rev. J. R. Clark, O. P., Prior of St. Louis Bertrand's convent.

The jubilee proper will be celebrated on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. It will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of Father Cronin's ordination. It is expected that Bishop O'Donoghue, who is now busy with confirmations and visitations, will find time to be present. The venerable parents of the jubilarian will come from Lexington to witness the ceremonies. Nearly every priest in the diocese and many from other dioceses will be present at the jubilee mass of thanksgiving.

As a matter of course Father Cronin will celebrate the mass. The Rev. Father Patrick Walsh, pastor of the Sacred Heart church, will be the deacon; Rev. Father Dominic Crane, Chaplain of St. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital, will be subdeacon, and the Rev. Dr. George W. Schumann, pastor of St. John's, master of ceremonies. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. Father William P. Hogarty, of New Haven, who prepared Father Cronin as a boy for his first holy communion, who gave him that sacrament and who has been his warm personal friend for more than thirty-five years. After the mass Father Cronin will be the host at a breakfast at the Seelbach. It is expected that nearly 200 priests will be his guests on that occasion.

But the laity of the congregation, the grown people, have planned their part in this coming jubilee. The work has been in progress for several weeks, and last Monday night a mass meeting of the men was held in St. Patrick's school hall. Edward J. O'Brien presided, with State Senator Mark Ryan as Secretary, and James P. Barry as Treasurer. There was a full representation from every district in the parish. Reports were heard from all the committees, and the indications for a suitable celebration are most encouraging. The following Executive Committee was chosen to detail plans: Edward J. O'Brien, James P. Barry, Senator Mark Ryan, D. J. Coleman, Martin

J. Cusick, John Boland, Thomas Tyrell, Capt. Thomas Kelly and the Rev. Father L. B. Ford. This committee is arranging for a reception for the grown people in honor of Father Cronin on Tuesday night, and some pleasant surprises are anticipated.

## GAVE MITE.

**Hibernians Will Assist in Building a Mission Church.**

Division 1, A. O. H., held an interesting meeting Tuesday night, presided over by William Murphy, though President Walsh was present. After receiving one application James J. Rilly was obligated. The Visiting Committee reported John Callahan and Andrew J. Gorman still ill but improving. The division showed its generosity by making an appropriation for the mission church to be erected at Barbourville by the Rev. P. Ambrose Regor, who is stationed at Corbin, this State. There is great need for a church in that section and the action of Division 1 will be followed by others.

Announcement was made by President Walsh that Rev. Father Riley, of Shelbyville, had been invited and would soon address a meeting of the Hibernians of this city. Favorable action was taken on communications from the County Board, and Division 1 promised to turn out for the picnic to be given at Phoenix Hill by Division 4 and the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Messrs. Thomas Keenan, Thomas Dolan, James Barry, John M. Mulloy and Martin Cusick were appointed to make arrangements for a reunion and outing, which will probably be given at Fontaine Ferry during the month of August. They are already planning for one of the largest Hibernian gatherings that has ever taken place in Louisville.

## ST. COLUMBA'S DAY

**Will Be Made Notable at the Celebration Tomorrow.**

St. Columba's congregation will celebrate the feast of the patron saint of the church with due solemnity at the late mass at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. On this occasion a rather unusual ceremony will take place, as the members of the first class to complete the course at the school will be given their diplomas and will receive a special blessing of the church.

The children to be thus honored are Anna Eichberger, Bertha Schmitt, Amelia Welkel, Harry Bradley and Joseph Thompson. The closing exercises of the school will be held in the school hall at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon and at 7:30 o'clock in the evening of next Wednesday. The school children will present an attractive programme and gold medals will be presented to the graduates. Other medals and premiums will be presented to deserving ones in all the classes. The Rev. Father John D. Kalaher, pastor of St. Columba's, invites his friends from other parishes to attend the celebration tomorrow and the closing exercises on Wednesday.

## MADE GOOD.

**Mackin Council's Memorial Window for St. Cecilia's.**

Mackin Council held a well attended and enthusiastic meeting Monday night and made good its promise of a memorial window for the new St. Cecilia's church, now nearing completion. Without a dissenting voice the resolution was adopted and President Kenney named the committee that will make the selection. The window will be in memory of the deceased members of Mackin Council and will be one of the finest in the church, and will long stand as a monument to the spirit and devotion to the church of the Y. M. I.

Much routine business was transacted and arrangements completed for the coming initiation, which will materially increase the membership. Encouraging reports were made by the committee having in charge the sunburst exercise to be given next month. Announcement was made that the proposed Niagara Falls trip was meeting with much favor, as quite a number of pledges have already been received. An event that will be of interest will be the election of delegates to the Grand Council, which always brings out a friendly but spirited contest. Thus far there are no pronounced candidates, but it is thought there will be a good field to select from when the race comes off.

## JEFFERSONVILLE.

The marriage of Miss Mary Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Williams, 424 Walnut street, and Jesse Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Baker, 203 Weems avenue, two of the best known young people of Jeffersonville, will be solemnized at St. Anthony's next Wednesday evening, and will be one of the most interesting of the June weddings in that city. On Thursday night of last week thirty-five friends of the bride-elect tendered her a miscellaneous shower at the home of her parents, and many fine presents were received.

## INQUEST

**Into Murder Mystery Attracts the Widest Possible Interest.**

**Testimony Indicates That Remains Are Those of Alma Kellner.**

**Rev. Father Schumann Made An Excellent Witness in Case.**

**SUSPICION POINTS AT WENDLING**

The inquest into the death of the child whose body was found in a cellar beneath St. John's parochial school on May 30, was begun in Coroner Duncan's office on Wednesday. While it is generally accepted that the remains are those of Alma Kellner, no attempt was made on the opening day of the inquest to identify the skeleton or articles of clothing found. The Coroner's jury is made up of six well known business men, gentlemen of the highest integrity.

Richard B. Sweet, the plumber who found the remains, was the first witness called. He told how he had been employed to pump out an old cistern in the cellar beneath the school house. He began the work on Saturday, and found the decomposed body on Monday. The Rev. Father George W. Schumann, pastor of St. John's church, was the second witness, and every word of his testimony was listened to with attention.

Father Schumann made it very plain that Sweet, who found the body, had informed the police of his find before he acquainted him with the fact. He said he knew of the existence of the cellar, and that any observing person who entered the music room would have noticed the iron ring in the cellar door. The present janitor informed him during the latter part of May that there was water in the cellar, and that an offensive odor was arising from it. Father Schumann then secured plumbers to have the water pumped out and to ascertain where the leakage came from.

The reverend witness told about the services at his church on the morning of December 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, the same day on which Alma Kellner disappeared. In response to a query from the Coroner, Father Schumann said he did not remember seeing the child in St. John's church on that morning.

He was asked whether any police or detectives had inspected the premises after the child was missed. He said such an investigation had been made. On the night that the disappearance of Alma Kellner was reported Sgt. Jerry Quill visited St. John's rectory, stated his errand and the witness told him to make as thorough a search as he wished. Father Schumann also stated that Joseph Wendling, the missing janitor, lighted a lantern and accompanied Father Schumann and Sgt. Quill in searching the church. They went from the cellar, where the furnaces are located, to the belfry tower, but found no trace of the missing child. Wendling was calm and collected throughout the search. On a later occasion Detective Steve Conley visited St. John's and made a thorough search of the church. The witness stated that as far as he knew the detective or policeman had not entered the cellar of the school house.

Father Schumann said that he had employed Wendling as janitor and his wife as housekeeper on November 3. Wendling remained in his employment until January 14, when he disappeared. Wendling had been recommended by a Fourth avenue business firm and by the Rev. Father Van de Pitte. He had always found him a faithful servant. The witness also stated that he believed Mrs. Wendling was a good woman.

Chief of Police Lindsey told of his visit to the church and school subsequent to the finding of the body. His testimony threw no light on the matter. Deputy Coroner Kammerer told of the condition of the skeleton and of subsequently finding the missing foot in the ashes near the furnace in the basement of the church. He also told of finding a bloodstained knife in Wendling's trunk.

The inquest was continued on Thursday and evidence was adduced to show that the remains were those of Alma Kellner. The testimony has been of such a nature that the indictment of Joseph Wendling, the missing janitor, is a foregone conclusion.

## WEIR-WENTZELL.

Miss Catherine Weir and Edward A. Wentzell will be united in marriage at St. John's church on Wednesday, June 22. The bride-elect is a daughter of Patrick Weir, of 511 East Walnut street. Her sunny disposition and charming manners have won her many admirers. The fortunate groom is the Assistant Superintendent of W. T. Grant & Co. tobacco exporters plant, and is well and favorably known in the West End. Mr. Wentzell belongs to a family of expert tobaccoists, and is keeping up the family reputation. Besides being a

member of Mackin Council he is one of five brothers, who are members of the Knights of Columbus, and he is also a member of St. Cecilia's congregation. After a trip to Chicago and the lakes Mr. and Mrs. Wentzell will be at home to their friends at 2123 Portland avenue on July 5. No invitations to the wedding have been issued.

## CARDOME.

**Triple Celebration at the Kentucky Visitation Academy.**

Monday was in more respects than one a great day at Cardome, the convent of the Sisters of the Visitation, near Georgetown. It was commemorated as the tercentenary of the founding of the order, and was also made the occasion of consecrating a new marble altar in the chapel, and for the reception of the white veil by three postulants. The young ladies who had this privilege were Miss Florence Mattingly, of Louisville, who will henceforward be known as Sister Anne Marie; Miss Dominica Bryan, of Jefferson County, who is now Sister Mary Raphael, and Miss Margaret Haggerty, of St. Louis, now Sister Marie Denise.

Quite a number of friends of the young ladies, and many clergy from the dioceses of Covington and Louisville assembled at Cardome to witness the ceremonies. Bishop Maes, of Covington, presided at the consecration and at the Pontifical mass of thanksgiving that followed.

The Visitation Order was founded 300 years ago by St. Francis de Sales and St. Jane de Chantal. Pope Pius X., addressed a congratulatory letter to the venerable mother house at Anney, France, and through it to all houses of the order in the world on the tercentenary. He commends the work of the nuns during three hundred years of labor. A copy of this letter was read at Cardome on Monday. A number of children, pupils of the academy, received their first holy communion.

At noon a delightful luncheon was served, and the visitors were shown over the convent and the grounds. In the afternoon the postulants received the white veils and took their first vows.

## CLERICAL CHANGES.

**Right Rev. Bishop Chatard Makes Several Transfers.**

The Right Rev. Bishop Chatard, of Indianapolis, has made a number of ecclesiastical changes in and around the Falls Cities that are of interest to all Catholics. As had been anticipated, the Rev. Father William Seibert, of Tell City, has been appointed rector of St. Mary's, New Albany, succeeding the late venerable Father Faller. The Rev. Father Victor Klein, recently ordained and a native of Vincennes, will be Father Seibert's assistant.

The Rev. Father Donald Manning, of Indianapolis, also recently ordained, has been appointed assistant rector of Holy Trinity church, [New Albany, to succeed Father James Ryan, who has been named rector at Knoxville. The Rev. Father Maurice Conner has been appointed assistant to the Rev. Father John O'Connell, rector of St. Augustine's, Jeffersonville.

Father Seibert, the new rector of St. Mary's, is forty-eight years old and has been ordained for twenty-four years. He is well and favorably known in New Albany. The Rev. Father George G. Borries, who served seven years as assistant rector of St. Mary's, New Albany, has been appointed rector of St. Ambrose, Franklin county. He will leave for his new charge next week, and later may take a trip to Europe.

## BANQUET

**Will Bring Together Former Pupils of St. Xavier's.**

The Alumni Association of St. Xavier's College has made arrangements for its annual banquet. It will be held at the Galt House on June 28. The officers of the association are Joseph L. Lenihan, President; William J. Burke, Vice President; Eugene McCarthy, Secretary; William G. Hume, Treasurer. The Right Rev. Bishop O'Donoghue has been invited to attend the banquet. Those who will respond to toasts are the Rev. Brother James, President of the college; Thomas D. Clines, Frank A. Menne, Joseph L. Lenihan, Frank G. Cunningham, W. H. Mattingly and Newton G. Rogers, Jr.

In times past the alumni gatherings have been very enjoyable, and it is the intention of the officers to make the feast this year eclipse all former ones.

## ST. MARY'S COLLEGE.

St. Mary's College, Marion county, will hold its eighty-ninth annual commencement exercises in the college hall at 9 o'clock next Tuesday morning. Many friends of the pupils and members of the alumnae will go to St. Mary's to attend the exercises. St. Mary's is one of the oldest educational institutions in Kentucky. It is presided over by the Resurrectionist priests. The college has turned out many able and able men.

## CLARE

**One County in Ireland That Does Not Lack for Water.**

**The Atlantic Coast Line Is Succession of Limestone Cliffs.**

**Many Historic Towns Along the Shannon and Fergus Rivers.**

**HOME OF COL. THOS. D. CLAIRE**

County Clare can boast that it is plentifully supplied with water. On the west is the Atlantic ocean; Galway Bay on part of the north; the Shannon river on the east and south. Galway is to the north for a distance of forty miles, and Kerry is the next county on the south. The county is named from a little town called Clare near the mouth of the Fergus river. The town got its name from a bridge of planks by which the Fergus was crossed in old times; the Gaelic word "clare" signifying a board or plank.

Clare has a population of about 140,000. Its greatest length from Loop Head to the boundary near Lough Atoric on the northeastern border is sixty-seven miles; while its greatest breadth, from Limerick to Black Head, is forty-two miles. The northern and eastern portions of the county are hilly; the middle and south portions form a broad plain occasionally broken by low hills, and in one place by a considerable mountain, Slievecallan. The barony of Burren in the north is an extraordinary region of limestone cliffs.

The Atlantic coast line from Limerick to Loop Head is a succession of cliffs. At Ross are two very wonderful natural bridges spanning the waves. Near Kilkee the coast is fringed by sharp-edged cliffs and castellated rocks, standing up like pillars in the sea, and quite detached from the mainland. But the cliffs of Moher are the crowning glory of the coast. They begin at Hag's Head and form a continuous rocky wall, perpendicular or overhanging, for four miles, varying in height from 400 to 668 feet, broken into the most fantastic forms and furnished into innumerable caves by the action of the waves.

Ennis, the assize town or county seat, is the largest in the county. It lies on the banks of the Fergus, almost in the center of the county. It has a population of about 6,000. Within its limits are the ruins of the Franciscan abbey founded in the fifteenth century; and two miles to the north are the church ruin and the round tower of Drumcliff, a far more ancient foundation. Kilrush with its 3,800 inhabitants is at the head of the little inlet of the Shannon, into which steamers ply. It is a very prosperous town with an extensive trade. Other towns in the county that are full of historic interest are Kilkee, Kilaloe, Scariff, Newmarket-on-Fergus, Killadysart, Milltown Malbay, Spanish Point, Cahersh Point, Ennistimon, Clare, Tulla and Lisdoonvarna.

Sandstone flags, like the flags of Carlow, are produced around Kilrush. Kilkee and Ennistimon, the county also furnishes excellent slates. In certain parts of the county are valuable lead mines, which also produce silver combined with the lead.

Clare anciently belonged to the Province Connaught, but was annexed to Munster in the fourth century. It formed a part of the ancient Kingdom of Thomond. Kincora, the ancient palace of Brian Boru, the Irish King slain at Clontarf in 1014, was situated at Killaloe.

Thomas D. Claire, an esteemed citizen of Louisville for many years, is a native of County Clare, and he doubtless knows many more Claremen in this section.

## REVEREND VISITORS.

The Rev. Father J. H. Hillebrand, pastor of St. Boniface church, Evansville, spent several days visiting old friends in Louisville this week. He was formerly pastor of St. Mary's of the Knobs and has many friends in and around the Falls Cities. While in Louisville Father Hillebrand met the Rev. Father S. A. Holleran, of Irvington, Ky., and the two reverend clergymen paid a welcome visit to the office of the Kentucky Irish American. Both priests will attend the silver jubilee of Rev. Father Edward S. Fitzgerald at Owensboro on Tuesday. On Wednesday Father Hillebrand is to deliver a lecture on the commencement exercises of St. Per, Ind. One week from tomorrow, on June 19, Father Hillebrand will celebrate the twenty-fourth anniversary of his ordination.

## JUST A RUMOR.

Correspondents of the day are busy making more rumors and this time they have Archbishop Moeller, of Cincinnati, for their red hat. Archbishop Moeller is now in Rome and has several audiences with Pope Pius X. This may have given rise to the rumor. Should the Archbishop of Cincinnati be favored with a visit to the Cardinals in Rome, he would wear the honor with more dignity.